

Recreational Crab Regulations

Species	Blue Crab	Other Edible Crabs (excludes Green Crabs)
Minimum Size	5 in. shell width (spine to spine)	None
Other Regulations	Egg-bearers cannot be taken; 25 crabs/day; no permit required unless using traps or SCUBA; closed season is January 01–April 30, inclusive	50 crabs total per day (including up to 25 blue)—other regulations are the same as for blue crab

*In order to harvest green crabs you must obtain a Letter of Authorization (LOA) from the Division. Please contact Kerry Allard for an LOA or more information at (617) 626-1633 or kerry.allard@state.ma.us.